THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) There has been no increase in Central Issue Prices of PDS rice and wheat during the last two years.

(b) 3,73,665 tonnes of foodgrains are allocated to the State of Uttar Pradesh for 106.79 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL), [including 40.945 lakh Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), households] per month. Foodgrains are allocated @ 35 kgs per household per month for AAY, BPL and APL population of the States.

(c) No insufficiency of foodgrains allotment to the BPL families (including AAY households) in Uttar Pradesh has been brought to the notice of this Department.

Procurement Centres in A.P.

2940. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of procurement centres opened, so far, State-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have given any relaxation for the procurement of foodgrains from the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the target set for procurement by Government during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Details of the number of procurement centres opened, by Government agencies State-wise, including in Andhra Pradesh in KMS 2005-06 and RMS 2006-07 is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The relaxations for procurement of foodgrains during KMS 2005-06 and RMS 2006-07 are at Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) Since procurement of foodgrains under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations carried out by Government agencies is open ended no targets are set. However based on the estimates given by the State Food Secretaries before the onset of the Marketing Seasons the estimated procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) in KMS 2005-06 was 230 lakh tonnes while the estimate of wheat procurement in RMS 2006-07 was 162 lakh tonnes.

Statement-I

Number of Procurement Centres opened, State-wise, in KMS 2005-06 and RMS 2006-07

Sl. No.	State	No. of Procurement Centres opened in KMS 2005-06	No. of Procurement Centres opened in RMS 2006-07
1.	Punjab	1465	1589
2.	Haryana	206	352
3.	Uttar Pradesh	1756	4969
4.	Delhi	2	2
5.	Rajasthan	12	96
6.	Andhra Pradesh	182	-
7.	Madhya Pradesh	600	1072
8.	West Bengal	680	-
9.	Karnataka	43	-
10.	Tamil Nadu	1200	-
11.	Bihar	747	428*
12.	Orissa	125	-
13.	Himachal Pradesh	5	4
14.	Maharashtra	819	-
15.	Chhattisgarh	1334	-
16.	Uttaranchal	51	249
17.	Gujarat	9	188
18.	Assam	11	-
19.	Jharkhand	9	4
20.	Kerala	53	-
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	-	16
	TOTAL:	9309	8969

*Provisional

Statement-II

Statement Showing State-wise Relaxation Allowed in Respect of Paddy/Rice, Jowar, Bajra, Maize during Kharif marketing Season 2005-06.

Sl. No.	State	Commodity	Refractions	Uniform Specifications Maximmum limit %	Relaxations granted %	Remarks
1.	Punjab	Paddy	Damaged, discoloured,	30	8.0	
			Sprouted & weevilled grains.	2.0	3.0+1.0	Out turn ratio (OTR)
		Rice Raw	Damaged/Slightly damaged grains.		Pin point damaged	stand reduced to 66% & 67% in raw and parboiled
		Parboiled	Damaged/Slightly damaged grains.	4.0	4.0 + 0.5 Pin point damaged	rice respectively in respect of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) levy rice.
2.	Haryana	Paddy	Damaged, discoloured,	3.0	8.0	
			Sprouted & weevilled grains.	2.0	3.0 + 1.0 Pin point damaged	Out turn ratio (OTR) stand reduced to 66% & 67% in raw and parboiled rice respectively in respect of Custom Milled Rice (CMR).
		Rice (Raw)	Damaged/Slightly damaged grains.			
		Bajra	Damaged grains	1.5	2.0	
			Slightly damaged grains/and discoloured grains.	2.5	4.5	
3.	Orissa	Paddy	Damaged, discoloured, Sprouted & weevilled grains	3.0	5.0	Out turn ration (OTR) stand reduced 65% for raw and 66% for parboiled rice.
			Immature, Shrivelled & Shrunken Grains.	3.0	5.0	

4.	Rajasthan	Paddy	Immature, Shrivelled and Shrunken grains.	3.0	6.0	
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Paddy	Damaged,	3.0	4.0	Out Turn Ratio (OTR) of raw rice obtained from paddy procured under relaxed specification has been reduced by 1.0% i.e. 66% against the existing limit of 67% in case of raw rice.
			Discoloured, Sprouted & weevilled grains	3.0	5.0	
			Immature, Shrivelled & Shrunken grains.	3.0	5.0	
		Bajra	Slightly damaged /discoloured	2.5	3.0	
			grains Shrivelled /immature grains.	4.0	7.0	
		Jowar	Damaged grains	1.5	2.5	
			Slightly damaged/ discoloured grains.	1.0	6.0	
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Maize	Damaged grains	1.5	4.0	
			Slightly damaged, discoloured and touched grains.	4.5	7.0	
		Rice (Raw)	Damaged/Slightly damaged grains.	2.0	2.0 + 1.0 pin point damaged	
7.	Tamil Nadu	Paddy	Damaged discoloured, Sprouted and	3.0	5.0	
			weevilled grains	17.0	20.0	
			Moisture content.			

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Dated the 30th March, 2006

To,

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Food, Civil Supplies &
Consumer Protection,
Government of Madhya Pradesh,
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FAX No. 0755-2441740

Subject:- Relaxation in Uniform specifications of wheat for Rabi Marketing Season 2006-07 in Madhya Pradesh.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to DO letter No. 666/PS/Food/06 dated 14th March, 2006 seeking relaxation in specifications of wheat for Rabi Marketing season 2006-07 due to damage to the wheat crop by unseasonal rains and hail storms.

2. In order to reduce the hardship of farmers and to avoid distress sale of wheat, it has been decided to procure wheat in Madhya Pradesh with the following relaxations in the uniform specifications of wheat during the Rabi Marketing Season 2006-2007 with immediate effect:

(i) Wheat may be procured with lustre lost grain upto 40% with a value cut of Rs. 1.50 per qtl.

(ii) The limit of damaged grain has been relaxed to 3% against the existing limit of 2% with a value cut of Rs. 6.50 per qtl.

Wheat so procured shall be stacked and accounted for separately and will be issued on over-riding priority for consumption under PDS in the State, irrespective of FIFO principle.

Yours faithfully,

Sd./-
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